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14 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 14 October 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith

1. North Pole Trip

Mr. Dulles reported informally on his recent trip to the North Pole, presenting his impressions of Thule, the Dew Line and possibilities of an ice-cap tunnel. Mr. Dulles indicated that he thought a comprehensive comparative study of the Russian Arctic and the North American-Greenland Arctic would be of value. He thought that particular emphasis should be given to the contrasts and similarities between these two areas and the defense implications that stemmed therefrom. He suggested that the initiation of such a study might well be considered by the OCB.

2. Russian Lend-Lease

Mr. Karl Harr suggested that it would be valuable for the Department of State to consider the subject of student exchanges between Russia and the United States in connection with the lend-lease repayment negotiations. Mr. Harr's suggestion indicated that he thought it might be possible to utilize the \$500 million difference between the Russian position and the American position to finance such exchanges. The Board did not act upon this suggestion, and some opposition was voiced. Mr. Murphy indicated that the Department had the matter under consideration.

3. Space Development Posture

mentioned the previous recommendation that
Mr. Karl Harr asked whether it might not be timely for the
President to outline to the people the present U.S. posture with

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regard to space development. In view of the recent Soviet successes it was considered best to postpone any such ~~announcement~~ *presentation*.

4. Nerve Gas Briefing

Mr. Gordon Gray suggested that it might be valuable to have Mr. Herbert Yorck brief the Board on the subject of nerve gas. The luncheon group decided that it might be appropriate to hear Mr. Yorck in due course, but that the issuance of such an invitation should be subsequent to the consideration of a JCS paper now in preparation on the subject of nerve gas. Another consideration leading to a postponement of an invitation to Mr. Yorck resulted from the absence of a Defense representative at the luncheon to clarify the position taken by Mr. Irwin on this subject at an earlier meeting.

5. Use of NSC Machinery

Mr. Gordon Gray gave a general report on the proposed use of NSC machinery during the last 15 months of the present Administration. Mr. Gray indicated that the NSC would continue to be active, although they would not necessarily consider a large number of new policy papers. He indicated that the OCB would operate in the coordination field with the same vigor as in the past. The reduction in the volume of policy papers considered by the NSC, Mr. Gray indicated, would enable the NSC to devote more attention to specific problems of great magnitude which face the Government. Mr. Gray pointed out that it was the desire of the Administration, through the NSC, to leave a legacy of thought in the major problem fields. He characterized these fields by citing the missile program and the problems of command and organization in the missile field.

6. VOA

Mr. Allen discussed the Russian attitude towards VOA. He stated that some programs were jammed while other programs got through clearly. He indicated that it was difficult to pin down a pattern of Russian jamming. He stated that it appeared that the Russian operators charged with jamming had not as yet received clear-cut instructions. He noted that sometimes programs of identical

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nature got through and sometimes they did not. Mr. Allen stated that one of the problem issues now facing USIA was the problem of how to handle information such as the recent Robertson attack on the Chinese Communists.

7. Turkey vs Poland

The luncheon group informally discussed the current race between Turkey and Poland for Security Council membership. Mr. Murphy said that the Department had hoped to get some more distinctively Asian country to take Security Council membership, but that none of the possible candidates seemed anxious to accept the position. Due to the delay in finding an appropriate candidate, many nations which might have sided with the West, found themselves already committed to support the Polish aspirations.



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